

The image features a vibrant blue background with a soft, ethereal glow. A bright, vertical beam of light in shades of cyan and blue runs down the right side, accompanied by numerous small, sparkling particles. The text "Ascension Sunday" is rendered in a large, golden, 3D-style font with a metallic texture and a dark drop shadow. The word "Ascension" is on the top line, and "Sunday" is on the bottom line, with the 'S' being significantly larger than the other letters. The overall composition is clean and celebratory.

Ascension
Sunday

Faith Lutheran Church

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May 16, 2021

Ascension Sunday

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Kirk Triplett

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Confession

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

Time for Reflection

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most gracious and merciful Father, we come before you with humble hearts in desperate need of you. We recognize that you are perfect, and we are not. We have failed to trust you and yet, we are grateful that your Spirit is drawing us to you. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us from the anxious thoughts that plague our minds. Give us the strength to live for you and to trust you. We long to trust in you and in you alone. Increase our faith we pray. Amen.

Absolution

(Psalm 103:8-12; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

Opening Praise

(Ephesians 4:19-20, 5:19; Colossians 3:16)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
O praise Him Alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him Alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son, and praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Bridge

O Alleluia Alleluia O Alleluia Alleluia O Alleluia Alleluia
Alleluia Alleluia

End

Praise praise the Father praise the Son, and praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Song “God My Rock”

Verse 1

When my heart is overwhelmed I will look to You alone
God my rock God my rock God my rock
You will stand when others fall You are faithful through it all
God my rock God my rock God my rock

PRECHORUS

In the blessing in the pain through it all You've never failed me

CHORUS 1

You are the strength of my heart You are the strength of my heart
I can rely on You I can rely on You

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Verse 2

When I've struggled to believe You have not let go of me
God my rock God my rock God my rock
Carried through the darkest storms You have held me in Your arms
God my rock God my rock God my rock

PRECHORUS

In the blessing in the pain through it all You've never failed me

CHORUS 1

You are the strength of my heart You are the strength of my heart
I can rely on You I can rely on You

CHORUS 2

You are the joy in my life You are my song in the night
There is no one as true Jesus I trust in You

Nicene Creed

(1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:14)

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Word of God

(2 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 3:16)

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 36:22-28

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Acts 1:4-11

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went,

behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 16:5-15

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Song “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see

Verse 2

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

CHORUS

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

CHORUS

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below will be forever mine
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine

Announcements

Sermon

(2 Timothy 3:16, 4:2; Acts 2:42)

Sermon Title

“Great Expectation”

Pastor Kirk Triplett

Song of Response

(Isaiah 55:10-11; Ephesians 4:1-2)

“All the Poor and Powerless”

Verse 1

All the poor and powerless and all the lost and lonely
All the thieves that will confess and know that You are holy
Will know that You are holy

CHORUS 1

All will sing out hallelujah we will cry out hallelujah

Verse 2

All the hearts who are content and all who feel unworthy
All who hurt with nothing left will know that You are holy

CHORUS 2

All will sing out hallelujah we will cry out hallelujah
All will sing out hallelujah we will cry out hallelujah

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BRIDGE

Shout it go on and scream from the mountains

Go on and tell it to the masses that He is God (Repeat 4x's)

CHORUS 2

All will sing out hallelujah we will cry out hallelujah

All will sing out hallelujah we will cry out hallelujah

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace

Words of Institution

Gather at the Lord's Table

Prayers of the Church

(Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1)

After each petition: Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer

We Pray for:

- Frank – recovering from surgery
- Susan – upcoming surgery
- Ashleigh (Bob & Mary's daughter-in-law) – recovering from surgery
- Mig – recovering from surgery
- Prayers for Hailey (Carly & Frank's granddaughter)
- Those battling ongoing health issues – Chelsea, Jerry
- Hawthorne Middle School
- Our Nation

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Response of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!

Congregation: Thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving us your power to proclaim Jesus!

Pastor: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Congregation: Thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving us your power to proclaim Jesus!

Pastor: For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

Congregation: Thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving us your power to proclaim Jesus!

Pastor: Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

All: Thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving us your power to proclaim Jesus!

Closing Song “Greater”

Verse 1

Bring your tired bring your shame
bring your guilt bring your pain
Don't you know that's not your name
you will always be much more to me
Everyday I wrestle with the voices
that keep telling me I'm not right but that's alright

CHORUS

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
when others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
than he who is living in the world
In the world in the world and greater is the
One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

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Verse 2

Bring your doubts and bring your fears
bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here
you are holy righteous and redeemed
And every time I fall there'll be those who will
call me a mistake well that's okay

CHORUS

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
when others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
than he who is living in the world
In the world in the world and greater is the
One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

BRIDGE

There'll be days I lose the battle grace says that doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war He's greater He's greater
I am learning to run freely understanding just how He sees me
And it make love Him more and more He's greater He's greater

CHORUS

Benediction

(Numbers 6:22; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His
countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen

Dismissal

(Romans 5:1; Romans 12:1)

Pastor: Now go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

- **Sundays** - Adult Bible Study at 9:00am – We are studying the Small Catechism.
- **Mondays** - Youth Group Foundations (for youth in 5th grade and up) from 5:30 – 6:30pm
- **Tuesdays** - Quilting Ladies at 10:00am at the church
- **Wednesdays** – Women’s Bible Study at 7:00pm at Terri Westphall’s
- **Wednesdays** – Men’s Night at 7:00pm at the church
- **Thursdays** – Men’s Coffee from 8 to 9:30am at the church
- **TODAY** – Parish Planning Meeting after the service.
- **NEXT Sunday, May 23rd** – VBS Meeting after the service
- **NEXT Sunday, May 23rd** – Bring your lunch and hang out after church together.
- **Sunday, June 20th** – Congregational Meeting after the service.
- **June 25th – 27th** - Guys camping trip. Mark your calendars. This is a great opportunity for men and boys to enjoy nature and God’s great creation! Stay tuned for more information.
- **June 30th** – Blood drive from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
- **Compassion and Hope Pregnancy Center’s Baby Bottle Fundraiser has begun!** Take a bottle home and fill it with change!
- **Sign-up to serve our kids** – Are you looking for a simple way to serve? Be part of the great team that serves our kids on Sundays! Talk to Pastor or Lara if you are interested.
- **Get Connected, Stay Connected** – Please fill out a connect card, that is in the pew pocket, if you are a first time visitor; have a prayer request; want to get involved; or need to update information. This will help Pastor serve you better. Thank you.
- **Last week’s attendance: 47**

If you have a pastoral need you may contact Pastor Kirk Triplett at kirk@faithpocatello.org or 530-306-0712.

Pastor Kirk’s office hours this week are:

Monday: 9:30am – 5:30pm

Tuesday: 12:45pm – 5:00pm

Wednesday: 9:30am – 5:00pm

Thursday: 8:00am – 12:30pm

Friday and Saturday: By Appointment

Sermon: "Great Expectation" John 16:5-15

What is God saying: _____

What is my main take-away: _____

How I am going to respond: _____

Prayer for help: _____

Who I'm praying for this week: _____
